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1. IN COURSE OF JULY 9 LUNCHEON WITH EMBOFFS, "TFSC" FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTER" CHELIK REHASHED TURKISH POSITIONS ON CYPRUS QUESTION AND FORCEFULLY ARGUED THAT IT WAS MAKARIOS AND THE GREEK RATHER THAN THE TURKS WHO WERE HOLDING UP MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS. EMBOFFS, IN TURN URGED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH SIDES TO MAKE A MAXIMUM EFFORT TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO COMMENCEMENT OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS TO SHOW FLEXIBILITY AND THEREBY
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TEST THE REAL INTENTIONS OF THE OTHER.

2. TWO POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST EMERGED FROM CONVERSATION:

(1) CHELIK RESTATED TURKISH REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARILY SECURE, ECONOMICALLY VIABLE AREA AND THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF RETURNING AREAS WHICH HAD BEEN SETTLED BY TURK CYPRIOTS. HE SAID THAT MORPHOU AND ITS WATER SUPPLIES, ERCAN AIRPORT, AND FAMAGUSTA PORT WERE NON-NEGOTIABLE BUT THAT OTHER AREAS ALONG THE CONFRONTATION LINE, INCLUDING NEW FAMAGUSTA, COULD BE DISCUSSED, BUT ONLY AT SUB-COMMITTEE LEVEL. (2) CHELIK ALSO INDICATED THAT THERE COULD BE SOME FLEXIBILITY ON THE QUESTION OF EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, "EQUAL RIGHT OF SAY" HE SAID, "AT THE POLICY-MAKING LEVEL WAS THE KEY ISSUE, NOT NECESSARILY NUMERICAL EQUALITY THROUGHOUT A JOINT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT." WHEN EMBOFFS NOTED THAT OTHER TURKISH OFFICIALS HAD STRESSED THE NEED FOR STRICT NUMERICAL AS WELL AS QUALITATIVE EQUALITY IN A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, CHELIK SAID THAT NUMERICAL EQUALITY WOULD BE NECESSARY AT THE POLICY-MAKING LEVEL BUT NOT NECESSARILY AT THE IMPLEMENTATION LEVEL.

3. COMMENT: CHELIK, OF COURSE, HAS ALL ALONG BEEN SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE THAN OTHER TURKISH OFFICIALS IN STATING TURKISH POSITIONS, AND HIS STATEMENTS MUST THEREFORE BE TAKEN WITH CAUTION. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS INTERESTING THAT HE SHOULD INDICATE THE CONTINUED POSSIBILITY OF FLEXIBILITY ON TWO KEY ISSUES (NEW FAMAGUSTA TOWN AND PARTICIPATION IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT) SO SOON AFTER DENKTASH'S HARD-LINING AND UNHELPFUL STATEMENTS LAST WEEKEND. ON OTHER HAND, CHELIK EXPRESSED GREAT PESSIMISM OVER FUTURE OF THE TALKS AND SAID THAT IN VERY NEAR FUTURE TFSC WOULD BEGIN ISSUING TITLE DEEDS FOR PROPERTY IN THE NORTH IN ORDER TO REMOVE FARMERS' PRESENT UNCERTAINTIES AND ENCOURAGE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT. ONCE THESE DEEDS WERE ISSUED, HE WARNED, CHANCES FOR TURKISH FLEXIBILITY WOULD BE FURTHER REDUCED.

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